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Date December 26, 2000

In re the Application of

Keqiang WU et al.

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For: REPRESSING GENE EXPRESSION IN PLANTS



Group Art Unit: 1638

Docket No.: 104107.01

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

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